

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Patent Office restricted the application to one of the following groups of inventions:

Group I, claims 1-3 and 11-16, drawn to a battery pack; and

Group II, claims 4-10 and 17-22, drawn to a method of making a battery pack.

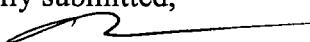
In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, claims 1-3 and 11-16, drawn to a battery pack.

Further, the Patent Office has alleged an elected of species requirement associated with Group 1, namely, Species A (claims 1-3) and Species B (claims 11-16). Applicants elect without traverse Species A and further indicate that claims 1-3 are readable thereon. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that an examination on the merits of this case be conducted in due course.

Applicants reserves the right to file a divisional application(s), if necessary, to any non-elected claim subject matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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